

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1-10, 13-21, and 24-45 have been cancelled subject to applicant's right to file a continuation or divisional application directed thereto. Accordingly, claims 11, 12, 22 and 23 remain in this application. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 11, 12, 22 and 23 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 8 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0090953 to Aburai et al. in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0123329 to Murray. Applicant submits that the cancellation of these claims and the claims dependent therefrom renders this rejection moot.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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